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Bread Loaf Writer's Conference

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PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE
Bread Loaf Writers' Conference
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	9:30	11:00	2:30	8:00
Monday August 16	Registration, Director's Office, 11-12, 2:30-5:30			Opening Meeting
Tuesday August 17	Mrs. Everitt	Mr. Pratt	Mr. Cohen	Mr. Pratt
Wednesday August 18	Mr. Havighurst	Mr. Morrison	Mr. Cohen	
Thursday August 19	Mr. Pratt	Mrs. Everitt	Mr. Havighurst	
Friday August 20	Mr. Morrison	Mr. Havighurst	Mr. Cohen	Mr. Everitt Mr. Collins
Saturday August 21	Mrs. Everitt	Mr. Pratt	Mr. Morrison	Mr. Frost
Monday August 23	Short Story Clinic	Article Clinic	Verse Clinic	Mr. Havighurst
Tuesday August 24	Novel Clinic	Radio Clinic	Mr. Frost	
Wednesday August 25	Short Story Clinic	Article Clinic	Verse Clinic	Mr. Cohen
Thursday August 26	Novel Clinic	Radio Clinic	Verse Clinic	Square dance
Friday August 27	Short Story Clinic	Article Clinic	Mr. Frost	Conference Banquet
Saturday August 28	Novel Clinic	Clinic as needed		

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Vol. XVIII August 16, 1943 No. 1

Bread Loaf Inn and the Director of the Conference extend to you a very cordial welcome. This bulletin, THE CRUMB, is the official newspaper of the Conference, and will be left each morning at your place in the dining room. It will contain notices of lectures, discussions and other activities of the Conference.

REGISTRATION

All members of the Conference are asked to register as soon as possible. Registration should be completed in three steps:

(1) Inquire at the Inn Desk for your room.

(2) As soon as possible after going to your room and disposing of your baggage, register with the Director of the Conference, Mr. Morrison, in his office. If you are a Contributor, bring your manuscripts with you at this time. Mr. Morrison will be in his office from 2:00 o'clock until 5:30.

(3) Complete payment of fees with Miss Ingalls, the business representative of Middlebury College, in the Library. Even if your fees are already paid in full, you are requested to see Miss Ingalls so that the Conference records may be accurate.

OPENING MEETING

At 8 o'clock this evening the opening meeting of the Conference will be held in the Little Theater. The Director will outline the program and offer suggestions for making the best possible use of it. After this meeting all Conference members are invited to an informal reception in the Club Room in the Barn.

DINING ROOM NOTICE

Meal hours during the Conference are as follows:

Breakfast..... 8:00 to 8:30
(Coffee and muffins available in the Barn, 8:30-9:15 a.m. and 9-10 p.m.)
Lunch..... 1:00 (Door closes at 1:15)
Dinner..... 6:30 (Door closes at 6:45)

Promptness is essential because of the fact that the School of English and the Writers' Conference are holding simultaneous sessions, and the facilities of the Inn are fully extended.

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LECTURES

9:30 Mrs. Everitt: Preliminaries to the Short Story

11:00 Mr. Pratt: What are we going to write about?

2:30 Mr. Cohen: Radio vs. Other Writing Forms

EVENING LECTURE

8:00 Mr. Pratt will speak this evening on what the war has done to books. His topic: Forty Thousand Copies of Walden

THE CONFERENCE FELLOWS, 1943

Betty Middlebrook, of Springfield, Missouri, is a promising writer of verse and biography who was nominated for her fellowship by the poet May Sarton.

Virginia Sorensen's first novel, A Little Lower Than the Angels, was published last year by Alfred A. Knopf, Inc. Her verse has appeared in various anthologies, and she does occasional reviews for the Herald-Tribune Books. She was nominated for her fellowship by Wallace Stegner and Alfred A. Knopf.

Betty Wason was a European representative of the Columbia Broadcasting Corporation during the early years of the war. Her book, Miracle in Hellas, was published last spring by Macmillan & Co., whose editor, H. S. Latham, nominated her for her fellowship.

THE SCHOOL OF ENGLISH

The lectures of the Bread Loaf School of English, which this year is in session concurrently with the Conference, are open to Conference members at an auditor's fee of $1.00 for each lecture. Members who wish to take advantage of this opportunity may make arrangements with Mrs. Dewey in the School office.

NURSE'S HOURS

The Inn nurse will be available for consultation in Annex #6 daily, 8:00 - 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 - 2:00 p.m.

TENNIS

Tickets for the use of the tennis courts through the Conference session may be obtained at the Inn desk. The fee is $2.00.

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LECTURES

9:30 Mr. Havighurst: The Novelist's Material

11:00 Mr. Morrison: Poetry: Its Substance

2:30 Mr. Cohen: Radio Tricks: Music, Sound Effects, Comedy

EVENING LECTURE

8:00 The speaker this evening will be Miss Betty Wason. Her topic: Reporting the War by Radio

AFTER-DINNER COFFEE

Coffee will be served in the Blue Parlor after dinner this evening.

TELEPHONE

The public telephone is located at the foot of the Bloomfield stairs near the Director's office. The number is Middlebury 410 W1. Do not deposit money until the operator asks for it.

WOOLENS ON DISPLAY

There will be an exhibition and sale of woolens in the Blue Parlor during the day.

LIBRARY

The library hours on week-days are: 8:15 - 12:00 a.m., 1:45 - 5:30 p.m., and 7:15 - 10 p.m.

BOOKSTORE HOURS

The Bookstore hours are: 8:00 - 8:30 a.m., 1:30 - 2:00 p.m., and 7:00 - 7:30 p.m.

HORSEBACK RIDING

Conference members who wish to engage riding horses may make arrangements at the front desk.

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LECTURES

9:30 Mr. Pratt: Organizing the Article

11:00 Mrs. Curtis: What is a Hack Writer?

2:30 Mr. Havighurst: Form and Fiction

EVENING LECTURE

8:00 Mr. Frost will be the speaker this evening.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Conference members who wish railroad tickets and reservations ordered for them should consult with Mr. McDonald in the Bookstore at once. Service cannot be promised for those who delay, as arrangements for travel on August 28th and 29th should be made now.

ANTICIPATION

Miss Elizabeth Drew will lecture on T. S. Eliot's Four Quartets on the evening of August 24th. Those who may wish to read this book before hearing Miss Drew's discussion are urged to order copies through the Bookstore, as the library copies are limited.

RECORDED MUSIC

A program of recorded music, including Brahm's Third Symphony and Schubert's Unfinished Symphony, will be given in the Barn Chamber this afternoon at five o'clock. The tea-room will close at 4:45.

SUNDAY TAXI

As all seats in the Inn taxi are already taken, members who wish to make the trip to Middlebury on Sunday should sign up at the Inn desk, in groups of five, for service by Middlebury cars. The round-trip fare in these will be $1.80 for each passenger.

GALLUP ON BUTTER

A poll is being held this morning to determine whether butter shall be served at breakfast or at the evening meal. If you prefer it at breakfast, vote "yes" on the ballot provided.

DRY CLEANING

Articles for dry cleaning should be left at the Inn desk today. Please consult the bulletin board at the desk for complete details.

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LECTURES

9:30 Mr. Morrison: Poetry: Word, Meter, Rhyme

11:00 Mr. Havighurst: Some Techniques of the Present-Day Novel

2:30 Mr. Cohen: Plot and Character in the Radio Sketch
(Illustrative recordings from "The Aldrich Family")

EVENING LECTURE

8:00 Mr. C. Raymond Everitt will be the speaker this evening.

MAGAZINES ON DISPLAY

An extensive display of current magazines of all types is to be found in the Barn Chamber. In particular, several issues of magazines mentioned in Conference lectures are available for reference there.

CONSULTATIONS

Conference members who wish advice on specific publishing problems should consult Mr. Alan Collins in the Barn Chamber this afternoon from four o'clock on. Only brief and practical questions should be put to Mr. Collins in these interviews, as general discussions of publication problems will be held at a later date.

TRANSPORTATION AGAIN

As it is necessary to make railroad reservations very early, members who wish transportation service should see Mr. McDonald in the Bookstore before Monday afternoon at two o'clock.

FINAL RETURNS

Yesterday's ballot favored buttered breakfasts by 113 to 19.

SPORTS PAGE

Paramount athletic event of the session will be the sizzling softball game tomorrow afternoon at Frost Field when Capt. Frost's Wildcats meet Babe Morrison's Grizzly Bears. Scenes from last year's epochal performance cna be seen on the bulletin board near the Director's office.

It is hoped that spectators and players will start their walk to the field at about 1:45 in order to be in time to see the first batter come to the plate. Hay-wagon transportation will be provided for Umpire Pratt and other non-athletes.

Complete line-ups are yet to be announced, but it is expected that, besides Slugger Frost and Babe Morrison, stars showing their wares will be Slewball Cohen, Lefty Collins, Hurdler Havighurst and Flash Sorensen.

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Vol. XVIII August 21, 1943 No. 6

LECTURES

9:30 Mrs. Everitt: Whose Story is It?

11:00 Mr. Pratt: The Professional Attitude

SOFTBALL GAME

The first batter will come to the plate at Frost Field at 2:30 p.m. Members walking to the field should start at about 1:45 or two o'clock. The hay-wagon will start at 1:45. As the hay-wagon can accomodate only ten or twelve, able walkers should plan to make the trip on foot.

Please sign up on the bulletin board near the Director's office before ten o'clock so that an estimate of attendance can be made.

EVENING PROGRAM: ALL HANDS AROUND

8:15 There'll be an old-time dance out back tonight with neighbors in from the village. The best fiddler in Addison County will be on hand so bring along the hired girl and don't dress fine.

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Vol. XVIII August 22, 1943 No. 7

SUNDAY MEAL HOURS

Dinner will be served today from 1:15 to 1:45. There will be a buffet supper this evening at 6:30.

READING

Mr. Morrison will give a reading from English and American poetry this evening at eight o'clock in the Little Theater. After the reading, all who wish are invited to stay and sing hymns. Books and piano accompaniment will be provided.

BREAD LOAF PLATE

The Bread Loaf Plate which is on display is an English import which may be ordered now for delivery on the first of the year. The price is $1.75 for each piece.

LOST

Two copies of The Story Writer, by Edith Mirrielees, were recently misplaced in the Barn Chamber. Will the finders kindly return them to the Director's office or the Bookstore?

FOUND

A Pond's lipstick in ablue case was found on the Little Theater walk. The loser may call for it at the Director's office.

RATION BOOKS

Conference members should leave their ration books at the Inn desk at once. They will be kept on file there and the proper stamps used for the current period. The books on file will be available to their owners for purchases in the village.

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Vol. XVIII August 23, 1943 No. 8

LECTURES

9:00 Mrs. Everitt and Mr. Pratt: We'd Better Hurry, or Beaten to a Pulp (Please note that the time of meeting is advanced a half-hour.)

11:00 Mr. Cohen: Radio and Dialogue

2:30 Mr. Morrison: Poetry:Imagery, Emotion

EVENING LECTURE

8:00 Mr. Alan Collins will be the speaker this evening. His topic: A Literary Agent Looks at Writing

RATION BOOKS

Conference members are requested to leave their ration books at the Inn desk.

CONSULTATIONS

Mr. Collins will be in the Barn Chamber this afternoon from four o'clock on to meet members who have specific publishing problems to present. Only immediate and practical questions should be put to him at this time, as an opportunity for general questions will be offered at the evening meeting.

FOUND

Will the owner of a pair of rimless glasses in the case of a Chicago concern call for them at the Inn desk?

NO CREDIT

The Inn desk cannot extend credit on cigarettes or other small articles.

TRANSPORTATION YET AGAIN

Mr. McDonald of the Bookstore is anxious to have all members wishing travel arrangements see him before two o'clock this afternoon.

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Vol. XVIII August 24, 1943 No. 9

DISCUSSIONS AND LECTURES

9:30 Mr. Havighurst: Novel Clinic

11:00 Mr. Pratt: Well, What Are We Going to Write About? (Members planning to bring ideas for articles to this clinic should submit them to Mr. Pratt in writing before 11:00 or present them verbally in the meeting.)

2:30 Mr. Morrison: Poetry Clinic

EVENING LECTURE

8:00 Miss Elizabeth Drew of the faculty of the Bread Loaf School of English will speak this evening on T. S. Eliot's new book of poems, Four Quartets.

POPS CONCERT

A program of recorded music will be offered in the Barn Chamber from 4:15 to 5:15. The recordings will include Peter and the Wolf and Strauss Waltzes. Please note that, because of the music, the tea-room will not be open.

GRENFELL MISSION

The Grenfell Mission will hold a display and sale of various articles of Labrador handicraft in the Blue Parlor today.

TICKET AND BERTH TO NEW YORK

Mr. L. L. Moneyway has a railroad ticket with lower berth on the Saturday night train to New York which he is willing to sell.

STORY OPENINGS

Members who plan to submit story openings for the story clinic tomorrow morning are urged to leave them in the Director's office by lunch time today. Mrs. Everitt and Mrs. Curtis will thus be enabled to get them into logical order for presentation tomorrow.

NOW IT CAN BE TOLD

Mrs. Grace Billings, the Inn's head pastry cook, has graciously granted you the receipt for her cinnamon coffee cake, the one composition recently submitted to staff critics in which they find no flaw. (1) Take 2 1/3 cups flour, 3½ tsp baking powder, ½ tsp salt, ½ Tbsp cinnamon, 1 cup sugar, 3/8 cup butter or other shortening, 1 cup milk, 2 eggs. (2) Mix dry ingredients, melt butter, mix wet ingredients. (3) Combine wet and dry ingredients and pour into buttered pans. (4) Over top sprinkle mixture of 3/4 tsp cinnamon and 1/4 cup sugar. (5) Bake at 375°F for 30 -- 35 minutes.

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Vol. XVIII August 25, 1943 No. 10

DISCUSSIONS AND LECTURES

9:30 Short Story Clinic: an editorial board will discuss the short story openings that have been submitted, and the editorial process illustrated by means of the original and revised texts of a published story.

11:00 Mr. Morrison: Poetry Clinic

2:30 Mr. Frost will speak this afternoon.

EVENING LECTURE

8:00 Mr. Cohen will be the speaker this evening. His topic: Radio Propoganda in the War

AVE ATQUE VALE

Conference members will leave Bread Loaf on Saturday the 28th or Sunday the 29th. The mid-day meal on Sunday will be the last served to members. The final Conference meetings will be held on Saturday morning.

Will members who plan to leave on Sunday kindly sign on the sheet posted near the Director's office? This will enable the kitchen to estimate for its Sunday meals and to avoid the waste of food.

CALLING ALL RATION BOOKS

The following members will appreciate a reminder that their ration books have not been received at the Inn desk. Will they kindly bring the books to the Inn desk before lunch today?

Miss Austin	Mrs. Hagen	Miss Smith
Miss Bell	Mr. Halsey	Miss Stedwell
Miss Corry	Miss Horak	Mr. Wiborg
Mrs. Eckel	Mrs. Malone	Mrs. Sumner
Miss Gardner	Mrs. Giles	
Mrs. Grier	Mrs. Owens	

BAGGAGE CHECKED?

Members who wish their baggage checked or shipped by express should get it to the front porches of their residences by 9:00 a.m. on Saturday morning, August 28th.

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Vol. XVIII August 26, 1943 No. 11

LECTURES AND DISCUSSIONS

9:30 Mr. Havighurst: Novel Clinic

11:00 Mr. Pratt: Article Clinic (Members should bring their exercises in organization to this meeting.)

2:30 Mr. Morrison: Poetry Clinic

EVENING LECTURE

8:00 Mr. Havighurst will be the speaker this evening. His topic: The Truth of Fiction

DEMI-TASSE

Coffee will be served on the Blue Parlor after dinner this evening.

SIGN-UP SHEET

Will members who intend to remain at Bread Loaf through Sunday morning kindly sign on the sheet posted near the Director's office? This will allow the kitchen to make proper estimates for its Sunday meals.

The final social gathering of the Conference will be the banquet at the usual dinner hour on Friday. The last discussion groups will be held on Saturday morning. The Inn accomodations for Conference members who wish to remain extend through the noon meal on Sunday.

SQUARE DANCE

There will be a square dance at the Ripton Community House this evening from 8:30 to 11:00. Members who wish to attend may make arrangements for taxi service at the Inn desk.

BOOKSTORE

Members who requested copies of Mr. Frost's collected poems are informed that the new shipment has been received by the Bookstore.

LIBRARY

Miss French requests that all library books borrowed by Conference members be returned by five o'clock tomorrow.

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Vol. XVIII August 27, 1943 No.12

LECTURES AND DISCUSSIONS

9:30 Mrs. Everitt and Mrs. Curtis: Short Story Clinic

11:00 Mr. Pratt: Article Clinic: The Three Graces

2:30 Mr. Frost will speak this afternoon.

CONFERENCE BANQUET

6:30 Conference members and staff are asked to come to the dining-room promptly at 6:30 this evening for the Conference banquet. The after-dinner remarks by staff members and others will be brief.

LIBRARY

Miss French requests that books borrowed by Conference members be returned to the Library by five o'clock today.

LITERARY AGENTS

A short list of prominent literary agents has been posted on the bulletin board near the Director's office. As this list includes merely some of the agents with whom staff members and fellows have had satisfactory relations, it is not intended to discriminate against the many other excellent literary agencies.

TEA-ROOM

The tea-room will be open after breakfast today and tomorrow, but not on Sunday. Moral: do not oversleep on Sunday morning.

CONFERENCE BULLETINS

A limited supply of Conference Bulletins are on hand in the Director's office. If members desire, copies can be mailed to their homes or to their friends.

EMMA

She says the mats are ready.

SIGN-UP SHEET

Please do sign on the sheet posted near the Director's office if you wish any meal at the Inn on Sunday.

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Vol. XVIII August 28, 1943 No. 13

MORNING DISCUSSION

10:00 Final Clinic: All staff members will participate.

BAGGAGE CHECKED

Baggage which is to be checked on railroad tickets or shipped by railway express should be set on the front porches of the cottages or Inn by nine o'clock this morning.

TAXI SCHEDULE

The cars carrying members to Middlebury for the 1:25 p.m. train will leave the Inn porch at 11:30 in the morning. If you wish your hand baggage brought to the Inn porch, kindly arrange with the Inn desk well before that hour to have it carried for you.

The cars going to Middlebury for the 10:56 p.m. train will leave the Inn porch at 10:00. Kindly arrange about your baggage as directed above.

Members leaving for Middlebury at either time should be sure to look at the lists posted near the Director's office to see if their names are down for service at that time. If their names are not there, they should speak to Mr. McDonald in the Bookstore or to the Inn clerk at once, so that they can be assured of transportation.

INVITATION

Conference members who are staying through the day are invited to call at the Frost farm during the afternoon.

ALICE AT BREAD LOAF

Many members have asked for copies of Mr. Cohen's parody read at the Conference banquet. It may be possible to send them copies later if they will leave their names in the Director's office before two o'clock.

LOST

A light blue coat-sweater has been lost in the coat room, evidently mistaken for another sweater. If it turns up in someone's closet, will he kindly return it to Mildred Kuhns or to the Inn desk.

CONCLUSION

The Director's office will close at two o'clock this afternoon.

BREADLOAF RATION
BOARD IN SESSION

ILLUSTRATIONS STRICTLY FROM INDIA

In the case of Richard Brown:

DECISION: Inasmuch as he has carried the bulk of the Conference work, we consider Mr. BROWN to carry less of his own.

In the case of Helen Everitt:

DECISION: Inasmuch as a superior point of view is the chief concern of writer, critic or farmer's wife, Mrs. EVERITT is awarded (1) mountain-top to improve her point of view.

In the case of Alan Collins:

DECISION: Inasmuch as there is a current shortage of manpower, manuscripts and dimetrogon materials, MR. COLLINS is condemned to present only 10% of himself.

In the case of Walter Hartquist:

DECISION: Inasmuch as he has refused to cast the Stream of Concious-ness, MR. HARTQUIST is condemned to sink or swim therein until further notice.

In the case of Mrs. Curtis:

DECISION: Inasmuch as she has spread the illusion that writing is a business, MRS. CURTIS is granted a retreat for her back in which to escape from William Shakespeare.

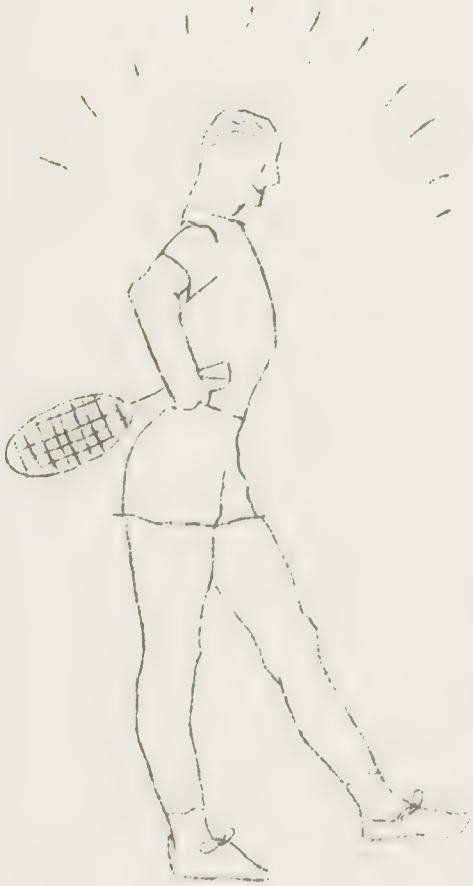
In the case of Theodore Morrison:

DECISION: Inasmuch as he has been getting verse and more of it, we condemn MR. MORRISON to produce a surprise ending.

In the case of Robert Frost
DECISION: Inasmuch as he brings baseball games to a shortstop, we condemn MR. FROST to get a new Job.

In the case of Raymond Lovitt:

DECISION: Inasmuch as he is not a vanity publisher, we condemn MR. LOVITT to stop looking proud of himself at the end of a tennis match.



In the case of Philip Cohen

DECISION: Inasmuch as he has broken none, we condemn MR. COHEN to stop making his living off records.

In the case of Fletcher Pratt

DECISION: Since he finds Breadloaf in winter such rich writing material we condemn him to watch over the premises until the swallows and customers return.

In the cases of the Breadloaf Wives:

DECISION

Inasmuch as they have suffered much because they have loved much, we condemn the BREADLOAF WIVES to spend the winter deflating egoes puffed up by the rarefied air of the mountain